

How embedded clauses can expand the variety of complex sentences...

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Learning intention

- understand how embedded clauses can expand the variety of complex sentences to elaborate, extend and explain ideas

Teach and model

- investigating how the choice of conjunctions enables the construction of complex sentences to extend, to elaborate on and to explain ideas; for example, "The town that..."
- creating complex sentences with embedded clauses to expand noun groups; for example, "Hamish studied the rock samples that he had collected on the excursion."

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in how embedded clauses can expand the variety of complex sentences... using an example.
- Show the idea in a second way: with words, a model, a diagram or symbols.
- Apply the idea to a short unfamiliar situation and justify the result.

Teaching cautions

- Ask the student to explain their choice, not only state an answer.
- Check that key vocabulary is understood in a new example.
- Mix representations so the skill is transferred rather than copied.

Quick lesson sequence

- Connect to prior knowledge and introduce the key vocabulary.
- Model one clear example, then solve a second example together.
- Finish with an independent check and a short student explanation.